The Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (I-UCR) Program was directed in March 2009 to

## **Aggravated Battery/Aggravated Assault**

Offenses: No change to offenses previously collected; however, battery and assault

## **Hierarchy Rule**

There is significance to the order in which offenses are listed, with Criminal Homicide being ranked the highest in the hierarchy and arson being ranked the lowest. If several offenses are committed within one incident, it is referred to as a multi-offense incident. The revised I-UCR Program guidelines require the application of the Hierarchy Rule when scoring multi-offense incidents. The Hierarchy Rule requires that when more than one offense has occurred within a single incident, the agency must identify which of the offenses is the highest on the hierarchy list and score and report only that offense after

Both the revised classifying and scoring princi